

THE WEATHER

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Silver	85 7/8c
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Quicksilver	\$1.06

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PRICE 10 CENTS

GERMANS SINK 11 SHIPS

ARMISTICE PROVISIONS PUBLISHED BY RUSSIA

AGREEMENT MEANS END OF FIGHTING; "NO READJUSTMENT OF TROOPS."

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 16.—(Sunday)—Transference of troops before January 14, increasing of troops on all fronts in Moon sound or the regrouping of forces are prohibited according to the statement of terms at the Russo-German armistice issued here. Permission for interference of troops between sunrise and sunset in groups of twenty-five to carry on trade and exchange of articles of prime necessity is granted. Germans are not to concentrate troops between the Black sea and the Baltic, east of the fifteenth degree longitude, East Greenwich.

A special agreement will be made by the naval general staff regarding the extension of the armistice to the White sea and the Russian coast in the Arctic zone. It was also agreed that attacks on war and commercial vessels will cease in these regions in order to avoid attacks on other seas.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKING, Dec. 17.—Bolshevik troops have taken over the Chinese Eastern railway and the administration area in Northern Manchuria, according to a telegram from Harbin. General Horvath, the Russian commander at Harbin, who was forced to work in with the Bolshevik for

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THREE SOLDIERS DIE IN GUARDHOUSE BLAZE

(By Associated Press.)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—E. P. Gallagher, Marshall, Pa.; W. J. Kramer, Detroit, Mich., and W. L. Wiley, Rockford, Ill., all members of the 11th aero squadron, U. S. A., were burned to death when the guardhouse at the government aero warehouse at Middletown, near here, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire was caused, it is believed, by gas generated by burning tar roofing paper which the men, the only inmates of the small frame structure that served as a camp prison, were using to heat the stove in the building.

CUT FARES IN HALF URGES SHAUGHNESSY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Committee Shaughnessy of the Nevada railroad commission urged action to limit the cost of passenger transportation before the joint congressional railway committee today. He said the fares should be cut in half.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah.	1917	1916
5 a. m.	10	33
9 a. m.	29	31
12 noon	47	34
2 p. m.	50	42
Maximum Dec. 16	51	43
Minimum Dec. 16	31	29
Relative humidity at 2 p. m. today.	45 per cent.	

AMERICAN SOLDIERS WITHOUT HARDSHIPS

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 16.—(Sunday)—Representatives of the United States food administration have learned how American soldiers live in France. Visitors who accompanied the men on a practice march had the experience of standing in the rain at mealtime, eating from mess tins unsheltered and being billeted for night in lots and rooms in farm house and standing in muddy, icy streams to wash themselves. All agreed that even under the most trying circumstances the morale and demeanor of the soldiers was the finest possible. The visitors spent Sunday with the national guardsmen of their respective home states.

RUSS WIN POINT IN NEGOTIATION

THREAT TOO CEASE ARMISTICE PARLEY BRINGS GERMANS TO TIME.

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, declared at a meeting of the Petrograd council of soldiers' and workers' delegates Saturday that for a time a break in the armistice negotiations seemed imminent because General Hoffmann, the German negotiator, insisted on the right to transfer troops in small units. The German commander finally accepted the Russian formula.

"We can't and won't aid militarism in any way," M. Trotsky said. "This question of transferring troops was most fundamental. I think our formula is considered by our allies to be satisfactory."

The Russian delegates constituting the armistice committee at Brest Litovsk has advised the Bolshevik authorities at the Smolny institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans on Friday concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect:

"Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until December 30, 1917 (January 12, 1918, new style), not to carry on operative military transfer on the front from the Baltic to the Black seas except as such transfers were already begun up to the moment of signing this agreement."

PORKLESS SATURDAY NEWEST IN CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—The California food administration today announced the abolition of ice creamless Thursdays and the substitution of porkless Saturdays, effective this week.

Food headquarters said the prohibition of the manufacture of water sherberts and ices is being considered as a sugar conservation measure. Eastern and middle western states have already adopted the policy.

MEANS ACQUITTED.

(By Associated Press.)

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 17.—Gaston B. Means was acquitted here yesterday of a charge of slaying Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy New York and Chicago widow. The jury received the case Saturday night, but after two hours' deliberation, announced a verdict would not be returned until Sunday.

APPROVE HIGHER RATES.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The interstate commerce commission today approved the proposed 20 per cent increase in proportional rates for canned goods from the interior of California to points by water route from San Francisco to Portland and Astoria, Oregon.

TROOPS SHOWERED WITH FLOWERS AS THEY MARCH INTO HOLY CITY

BOLD ENEMY ADVERTISEMENT ASSERTS BAKER

WAR SECRETARY DISCOUNTS BOASTS THAT GERMANY IS TO TAKE WEST OFFENSIVE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Reports heralding an imposing German offensive on the western front are attributed to "bold enemy advertising," by Secretary Baker in his weekly review of the military situation. He says the German high command is apparently eager to have us believe he is about to win a great victory, but there is no element in the military situation that should lead us to conclude that the initiative in the west has passed from the allies to the enemy.

DELAY IN BIG GUNS SEEN BY CROZIER

U. S. FIELD GUNS MADE SO THAT FRENCH AMMUNITION CAN BE USED.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The annual report of Major General Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance, shows American field guns to be similar to French seventy-fives and equipped so that the same ammunition factories can supply both.

He said the process of supplying troops with mobile artillery of the type of the German 45-centimeter will necessarily be slow and disappointing, although every advantage will be taken of assistance from abroad.

DUTCH TO ACT WITH RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—The Tribune, which is the organ of a small Dutch party of revolutionary Socialists, announces that it has been officially invited by the Maximalists to undertake telegraphic correspondence with revolutionaries in Petrograd on the subject of peace movements among the proletariat and among the Bourgeoisie in Europe and America and keep the Russian revolutionary movement informed regarding political events in the central powers and entente countries. The Tribune has accepted the task.

David Wynkoop, editor of the Tribune, in an interview, said that the information to be supplied would relate particularly to the entente nations, as naturally the Russian government was better acquainted with affairs in the central powers than in the entente countries.

WILLNER DIES.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 17.—Samuel M. Willner, president of the Guardian Trust company and associated with the Willner chain of mercantile stores, died at a local hotel Sunday of pneumonia. He was 46 years old and a native of California. The body will be taken to San Francisco for burial.

AUSTRIAN LOAN.

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—(via Amsterdam)—According to provisional estimates, 5,801,000,000 kronen have been subscribed to the seventh Austrian war loan.

BRITISH DROVE TURKS AT POINT OF BAYONETS

POPULATION OVERJOYED WHEN BRITISH GENERAL ADVANCES TO ACCEPT SURRENDER.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A Reuters dispatch detailing the capture of Jerusalem says the Turks employed storming troops in successive assaults on a summit held by the British, northwest of the city, preceding the surrender. Heavy shelling preceded the final Turkish attack, all of which was repulsed sanguinarily.

The Turks had a strong line west, southwest and northeast of Jerusalem. They were well provided with machine guns and artillery that dominated the crests over which the British were compelled to advance. Some of the Turkish guns just outside the city made it impossible to reply without endangering Jerusalem.

A torrential rain made the roads impassable and created a serious problem of supply and transport. The British began the attack on December 7 and the following morning had stormed and captured all of the enemy works west of the town.

On the afternoon of the 8th the British charged and at the point of the bayonet drove the Turks from the last line on a ridge overlooking the city. The night of the 8th the Turks withdrew to the north and east of the city and on the morning of the 9th the mayor and chief of police approached with a flag of truce and surrendered the town to the British.

Demonstrations of joy greeted the British generals' advance to accept the surrender. The troops were showered with flowers and the populace applauded in testimony of their joy at deliverance from the oppressors.

FIRST FRENCH OFFICER TO DIE ON ITALIAN LINE

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 17.—Col. Ferreol Francois Bel, formerly of Joffre's staff, was the first high French officer to fall in Italy. He was buried Saturday morning in a tiny village at the foot of Monte Tomba, close behind the front where he was killed by a shell while inspecting the line.

Portions of the French lines, Friday were under the heaviest bombardment they had experienced since the allies came to Italy. This fact had led to the belief that the Germans and Austrians at last have been able to get their heavy artillery in position.

U. S. AVIATOR HURT WHEN PLANE FALLS

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Leon Benoit, an aviator of Attleboro, Mass., fell with his machine Thursday while making a light over the grounds at a French aviation school. The airman's legs were broken.

Charles J. Biddle of Andalusia, Pa., and Philip Collins of Detroit, both members of the Lafayette flying squadron, have each brought down a German machine within the last week.

POSTMASTER SUICIDE.

(By Associated Press.)

OAKLEY, Cal., Dec. 17.—Postmaster Nelson shot himself today. The coroner believes the act due to despondency following his wife's death.

DRY MEASURE UP TODAY IN WASHINGTON

BOTH WETS AND DRY CLAIM A VICTORY; DEBATE ENDS AT 5 O'CLOCK.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The drys today claimed the house would pass the prohibition resolution by twenty votes over the necessary two-thirds at the beginning of the debate, which will close at 5 o'clock. The wets predicted the bill would be defeated by a safe margin.

The house amended the resolution the senate passed, so it will be necessary to vote on changes if it passes today.

Chairman Simmons announced there will be no general reconsideration of the war tax at this session, during an attack on the bill by Republican senators. He added the measure is imperfect and some legislation will be necessary to correct inconsistencies.

It was indicated that the president will delay any further move in the railroad situation until after the holidays recess.

LATE NEWS

3:30 Dispatches

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Reports in Europe suggesting that sentiment has developed in favor of dealing with the Bolsheviks as the de facto government of Russia found no response here. The state department indicated the prospect of recognition by the United States is remote.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Johnson of South Dakota has enlisted as a private. He has not yet resigned.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17.—THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION RESOLUTION, PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT TO THE STATES WAS ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE. THE VOTE WAS 282 TO 128, OR 25 MORE THAN WAS REQUIRED.

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 17.—Mexican Federalists fired on an American patrol that had accidentally crossed the border near Fabens. The Americans returned the fire and one Mexican was seen to fall from his horse. No Americans were hit.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Dec. 17.—The war office announced the Teuton attack on the northern front was driven back in disorder. In the Colapirille region the Italians attacked and then were counter-attacked. Finally the enemy was forced to withdraw to positions from which he started.

TOO MUCH RED TAPE PROTESTS CROZIER

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Crozier testified at the resumption of the senate investigation into war preparations that there is "entirely too much red tape in getting appropriations."

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17 U. S. SOLDIERS ARE REPORTED MISSING

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Seventeen, enlisted men of the United States army engineer corps were reported missing in action by General Pershing in a dispatch to the war department. They were missing on November 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans while fighting valiantly with the engineer contingent, which distinguished itself helping the British to check the attack.

The missing men are: Sergeant Paul M. Swenson, Corporal Frank Upton, Privates Solomon Goldwetter, George H. J. Seaman, Dalton Ranlet, Charles A. Geohehan, Frank Brooks, Ulrich N. Haney, Michael Dina, Peter J. Tingo, New York City; Harold T. Andrews, Portland, Me.; Alphonso J. McGrath, Chestnut Hill, Mass.; M. Van De Mark, New Paltz, N. Y.; John Lally, Coldon Bridge, N. Y.; Luke A. Loveley, South Amber, N. J.; Harry J. Mason, Jersey City, N. J., and Merbert F. Ueltz, Newark, N. J.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—General Pershing has advised the war department that First Lieutenant H. C. Boyle, medical officer reserve corps, attached to the British forces, was severely wounded in action December 7. Boyle's next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Boyle, lives at Luzerne, Pa.

INTERRED GERMANS CONTINUE PLOTTING

WIRELESS ON STEAMER GEIER RELAYED MESSAGES ON JAPANESE SCHEME.

(By Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, Dec. 17.—While the ship's band was playing lively tunes to drown out all telltale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German cruiser Geier, at the time she was interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war, according to an article printed in the Star-Bulletin here.

The article, which is published with the authority of the United States naval intelligence bureau, declares that the seal placed on the Geier's wireless by the American government was broken by the Germans in order that messages might be transmitted. This information was obtained from the diary of Captain Grashof of the vessel, the article states.

Grashof's diary says, according to the article, that in November, 1914, and February, 1917, messages ordering the widespread promulgation of reports that Japanese forces were to land in Mexico and German forces in Canada were handled by the Geier's wireless, the operators working nights and days in order that there would be no delay in the transmission of these radiograms.

URGE COAL MINERS TO WORK XMAS, NEW YEARS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The fuel administration is preparing to appeal to the miners and operators to forego the Christmas and New Year's holidays because every idle day cuts production 2,000,000 tons.

The Michigan fuel administration has authorized the shutdown of industries if necessary to supply householders, because many Michigan cities are said to be almost entirely without domestic supplies.

The fuel administration requested the priority shipment board to give coal further preference over other freight in an effort to relieve the situation.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—An attack by British troops on the Italian front broke down before the Teuton positions, the war office announced.

DESTROYER INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF THOSE SUNK

CONVOY BOUND FROM SCOTLAND TO NORWAY SUFFERS HEAVILY.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, DEC. 17.—GERMAN NAVAL FORCES IN THE NORTH SEAT ATTACKED A CONVOY BOUND FROM SCOTLAND TO NORWAY AND SANK ONE BRITISH AND FIVE NEUTRAL MERCHANTMEN, A BRITISH DESTROYER AND FOUR MINE SWEEPERS.

BRITISH DESTROYERS RESCUED 98, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN. OTHER SURVIVORS REACHED NORWAY IN SMALL BOATS.

GERMAN DESTROYERS ALSO SANK A TRAWLER AND TWO MERCHANTMEN WEDNESDAY OFF THE TYNE.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A new department of the German navy dealing solely with submarine affairs, which were heretofore handled by the dockyards section, has been established by imperial decree, according to an Amsterdam dispatch.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An official statement bearing on the campaign in Palestine says:

"General Allenby reports that on December 15 his left center, north-east of Ludd, advanced on a five-mile front to a maximum depth of about one and one-half miles, without meeting much opposition. Kibbiyah, Khilbannah, Whel, Bornat and the ridge overlooking El Tish were occupied.

"Our airplanes dropped sixty-six bombs on motor boats and sheds and on troops at the mouth of the Jordan with good effect, obtaining twenty-four hits."

SACRAMENTO MEMBER OF COAST LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—Sacramento was today voted into the Pacific Coast league at the annual meeting of directors. Sacramento succeeds Portland.

GOETHALS OFFERED PLACE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Goethals was offered the place of quartermaster general to succeed Major General Sharpe, who was detached to sit in the war council.

BUTLER THEATRE

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